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FOLLOWING REPEAT NIAMEY 1177 ACTION SECSTATE 21 APR.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 1177

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS NG

SUBJECT: ALLEGED VOA BROADCAST CONCERNING DEATH OF PRES. DIORI

REF: A. NIAMEY 1174 B. STATE 81078

APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT AND DEFINITIVE RESPONSE. I
CARRIED MESSAGE TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD WHO EXPRESSED
THANKS AS WELL AS APOLOGIES FOR OUR TROUBLE. HE SAID HE HAD NOT
WANTED TO GIVE ME FULL DETAILS OVER PHONE, BUT SOURCE OF
INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED VOA BROADCAST WAS NOT AN EMBASSY
OFFICER AS HE HAD IMPLIED BUT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WHO
HAD CALLED FOCCART ABOUT THE REPORT. FOCCART THEN TELEPHONED
AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD TO INQUIRE ABOUT REPORT AND TO SEEK
IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION THAT DIORI ALIVE AND UNHARMED. THAT
EXPLAINS WHY AMBASSADOR WAS AGITATED AND ALSO WHY HE UNABLE
TO GIVE DETAILS REGARDING TIME, FREQUENCIES, ETC. AMBASSADOR
TOLD ME FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMED DIORI SAFE AND WELL AS
HE HAS BEEN SINCE ARREST.
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